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MARKETS FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS TO BE FAIRLY STEADY

Fairly steady markets for most American fishery products during the third quarter of 1954 are forecast by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay announced today.

The prediction summarizes the Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, July-September 1954, a report issued today by the Service.

A strong market is forecast for canned salmon, due to an anticipated smaller pack. The market for cod fillets, used in the preparation of fish sticks (which are in great demand), also is expected to be strong. Firm markets are predicted for fresh salmon, sablefish, soft clams, and common lobsters. The markets for Pacific rockfishes, canned tuna, fresh crab meat, and fresh and frozen shrimp will be unsettled, according to the report. Dull markets are seen for fish-liver oils and the following canned products: herring, mackerel, oysters, and shrimp. The market for canned anchovies is expected to be weak.

The report anticipates heavy production in many of the fisheries, with a high rate of stockpiling of frozen fishery products in cold storage. The bulk of the Nation's canned salmon is produced during this July-September period, the report points out, but the output of this product is expected to fall below that of last year's corresponding period. A production boost is expected to result from the opening of the new season for shrimp and oysters on the Gulf Coast and for oysters on the Atlantic Coast. Peak production of fish meal, fish oil, and fish solubles in the eastern and southern fishing areas is seen. The menhaden fishery, principal source for these byproducts, is expected to produce at a very high rate.

Copies of the report, designated as Fishery Leaflet 336u, may be obtained without charge from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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